Chancel: efficient multi-client isolation under adversarial programs

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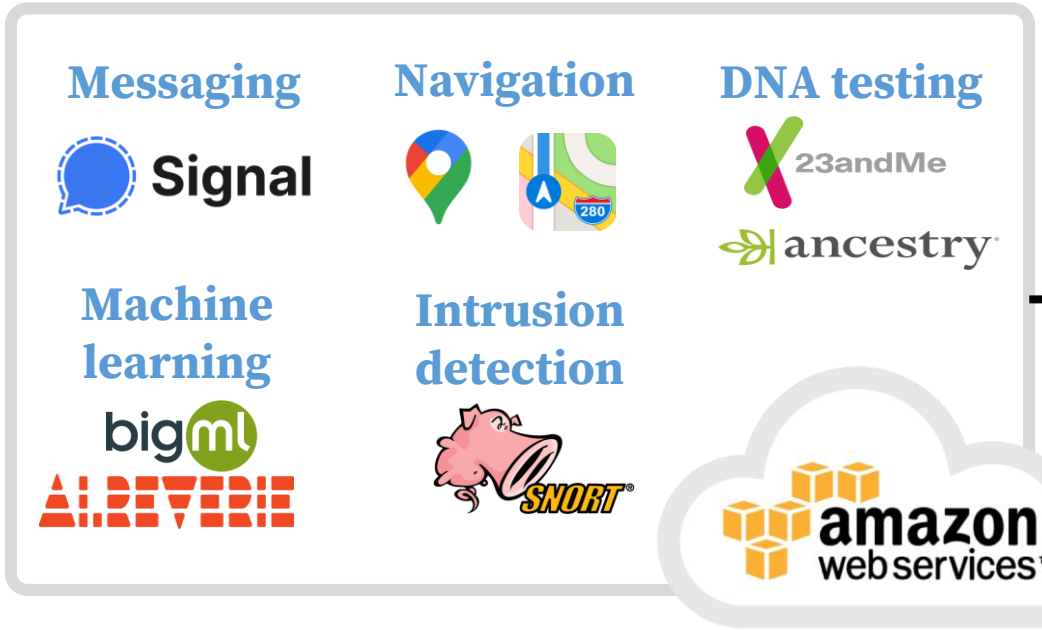
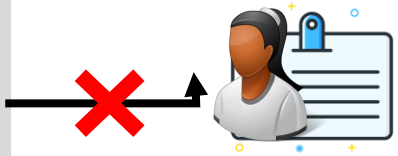
Data security in sensitive remote services

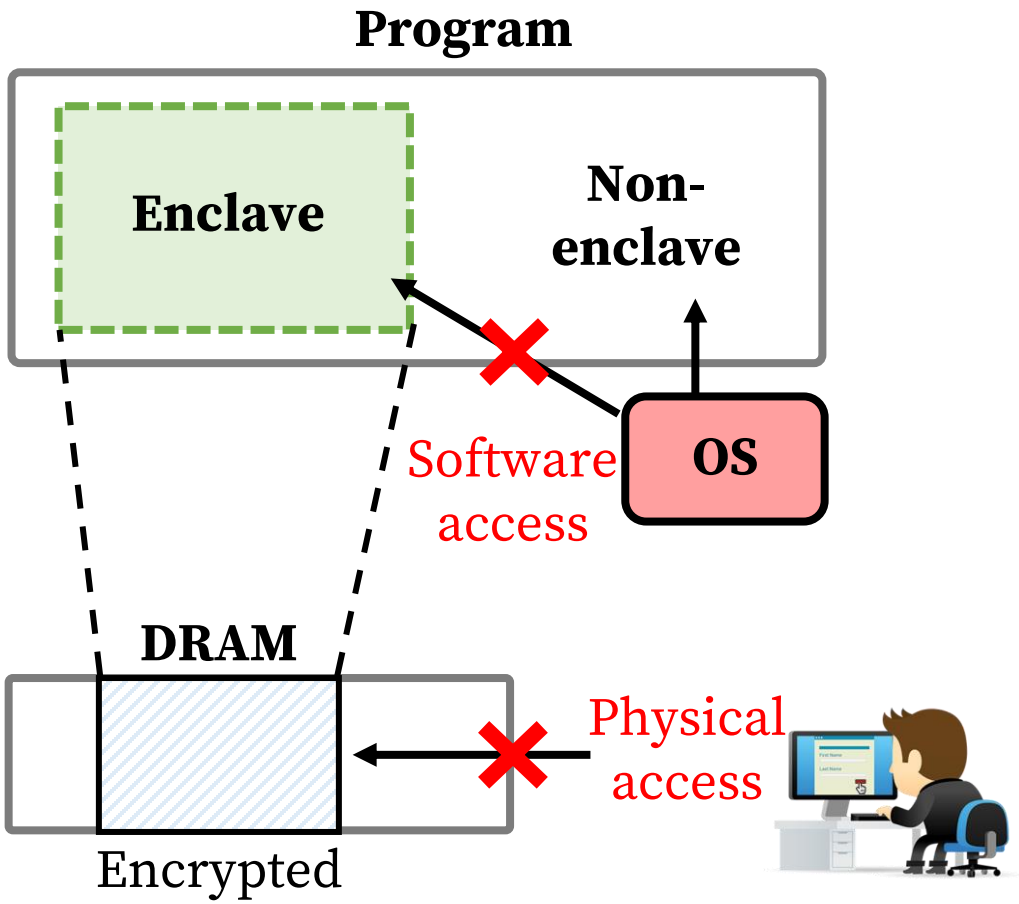
Send confidential data
to a remote service





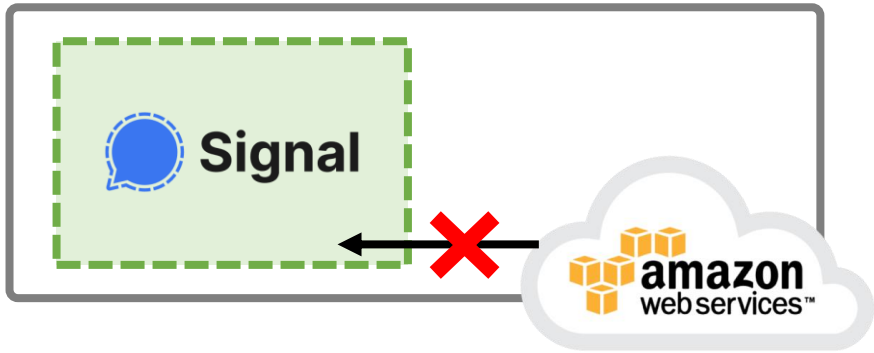
Guarantee that data
cannot be collected!

SGX is designed to secure remote data



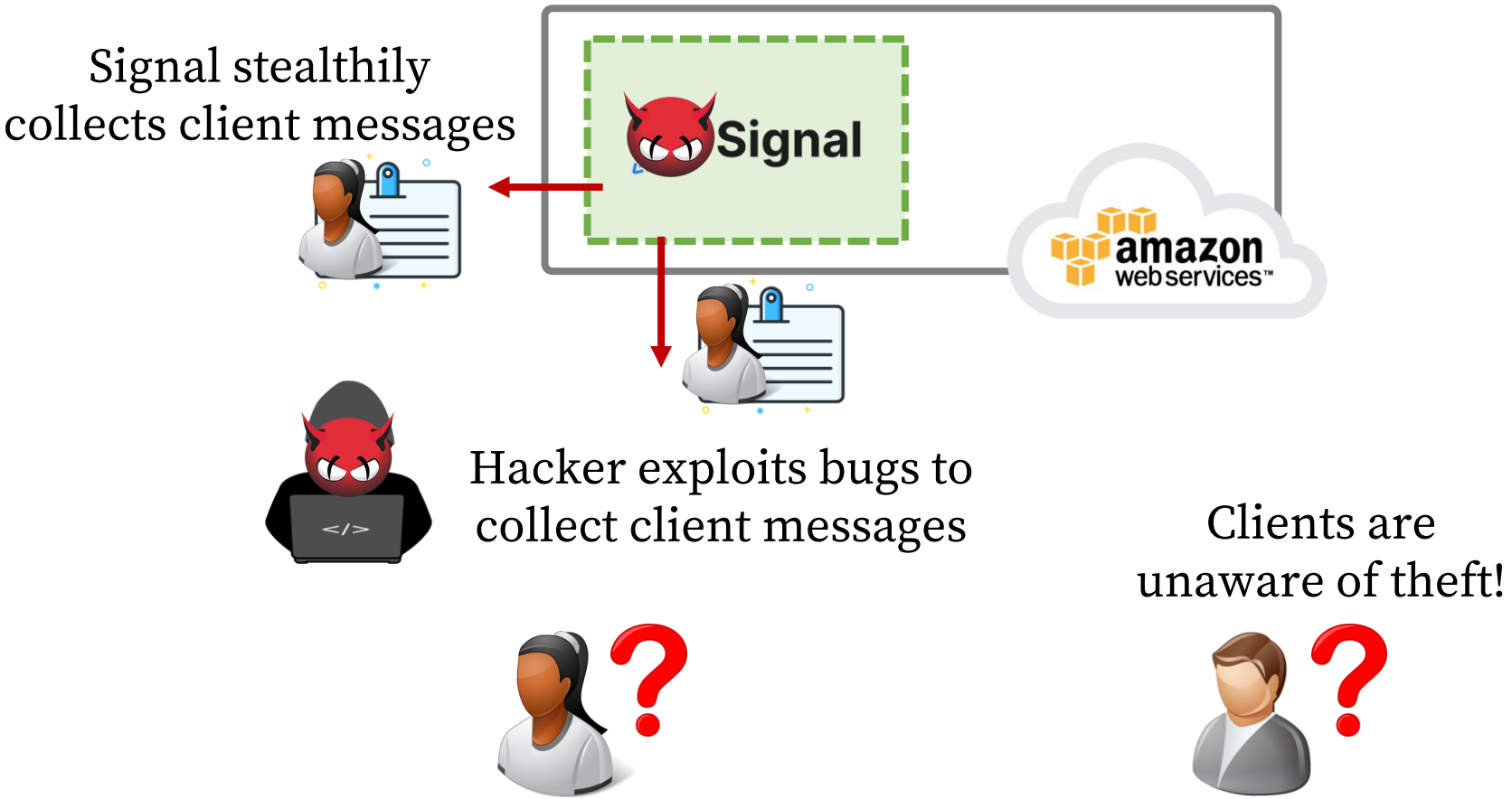
SGX secures remote data from clouds

Signal uses SGX;
Amazon cannot access
Signal's service

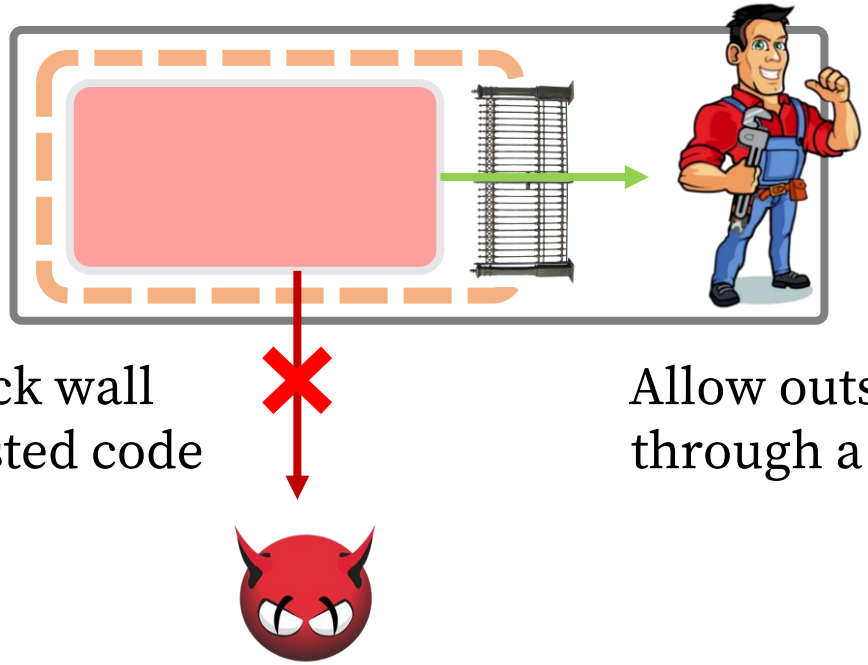


Client messages
through Signal are
safe from Amazon

SGX does not secure data from untrusted code



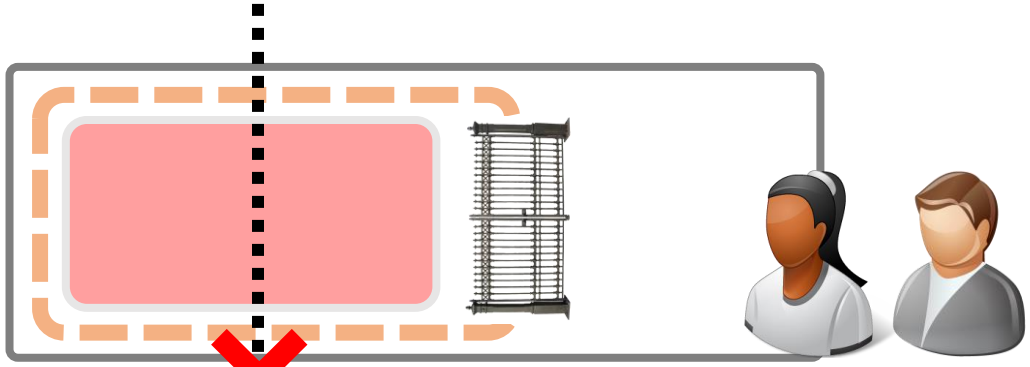
Software fault isolation restricts untrusted code



Create a brick wall
around untrusted code

Allow outside access only
through a controlled gate

Native Client SFI requires multiple processes

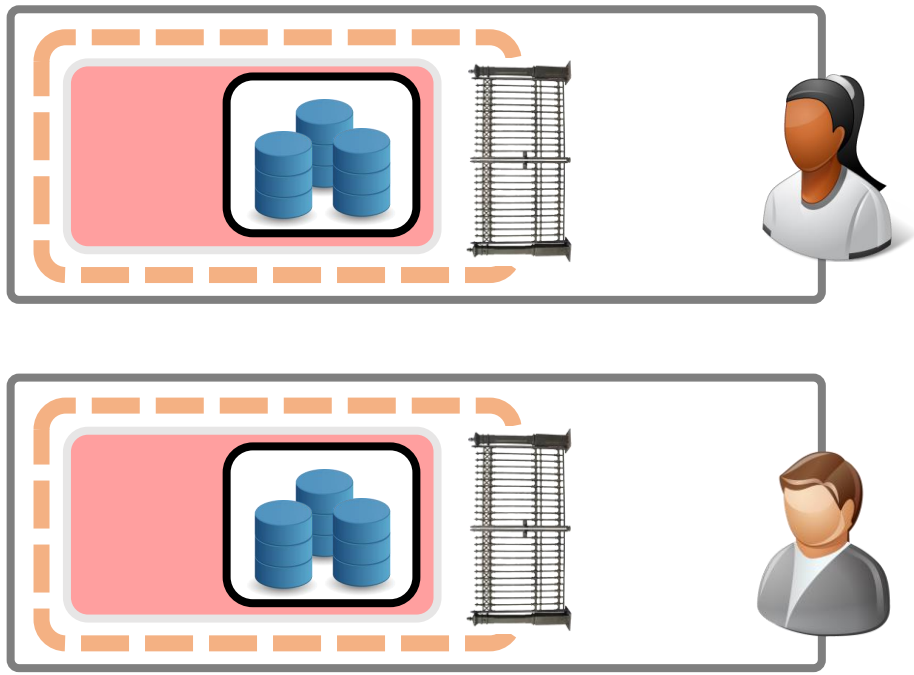


Does not implement in-process isolation

Cannot serve multiple clients in a process

Multiple processes consume a lot of memory

Lack efficient and secure
inter-process memory sharing



Must replicate common
data in each process

High memory use reduces enclave performance

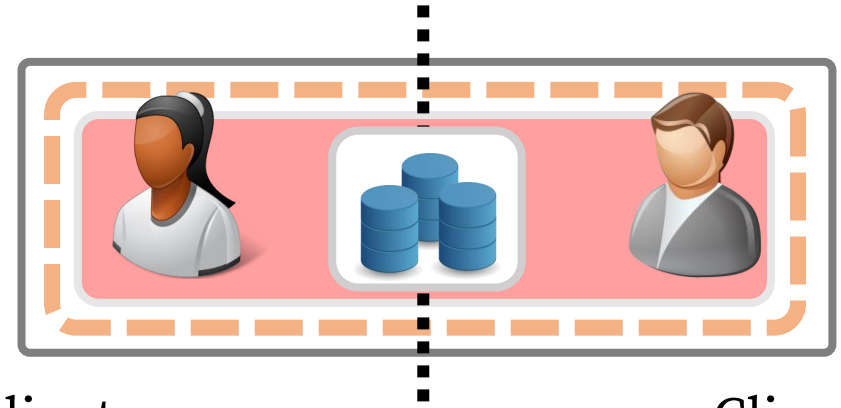
SGX memory is only 256MB

Memory usage over 256 MB
incurs expensive page faults

Native Client (NaCl) SFI can be 16 times slower than native SGX!

Key-value store with 8 clients

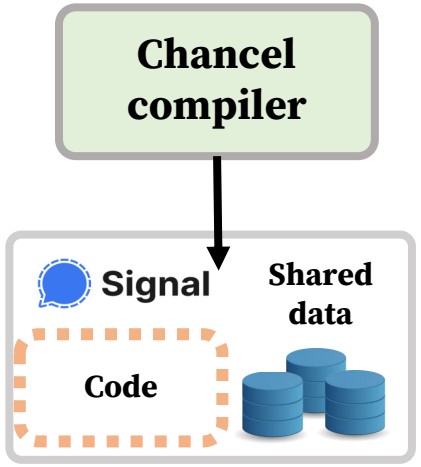
Chancel implements efficient multi-client SFI



Multiple clients are served by a process

Clients securely access shared memory

Chancel's design



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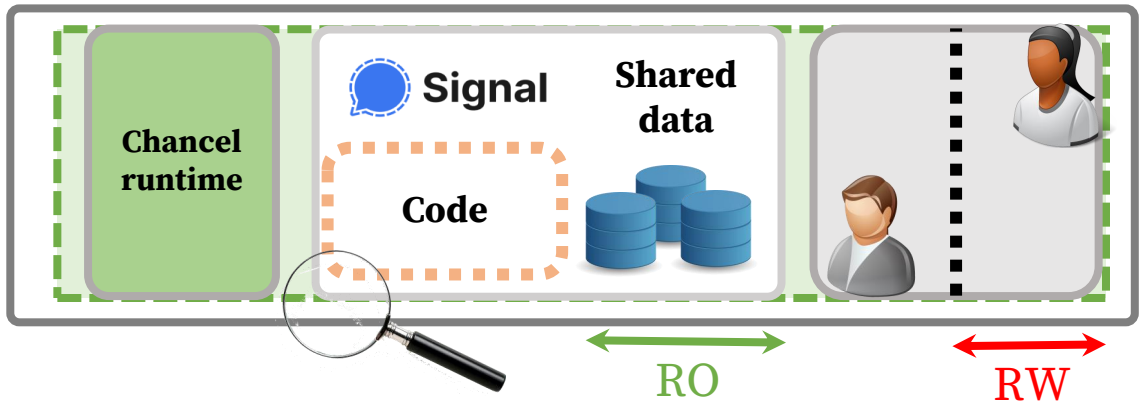


2. Enclave creation and program loading

3. Secure client bootstrapping

4. Multi-client SFI enforcement

Offline stage

Online stages

1. Automated program instrumentation

Registers = {RAX, … , R12, R13}

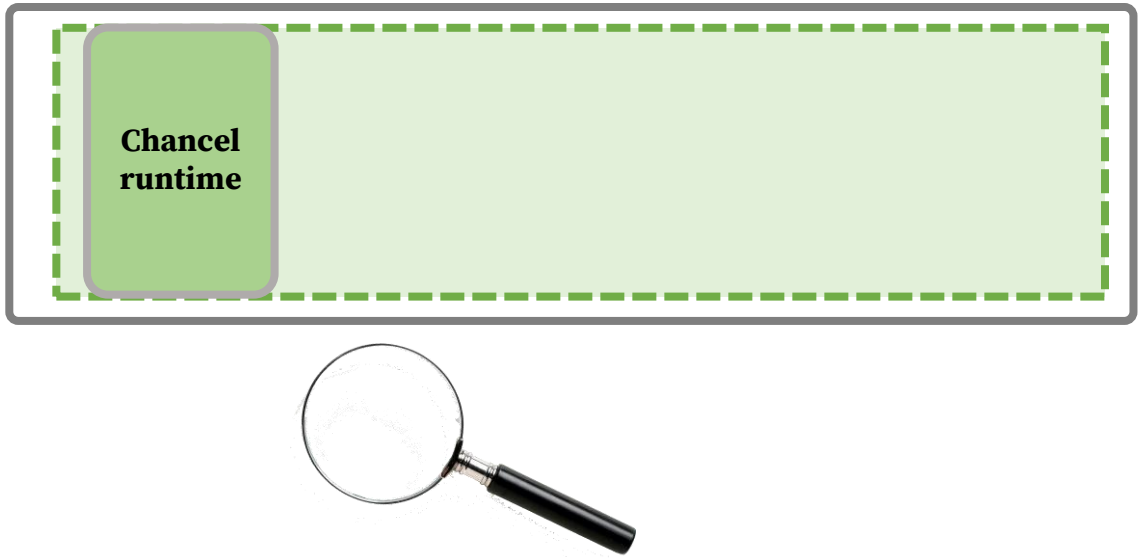
Compiler reserves
registers R14 and R15

Before:	**After:**
write at X	if X < R14 + thread size, write at X

Compiler bounds writes relative to R14
and reads relative to R14 or R15

2. Enclave creation and program loading

Create enclave installed with
Chancel's trusted runtime

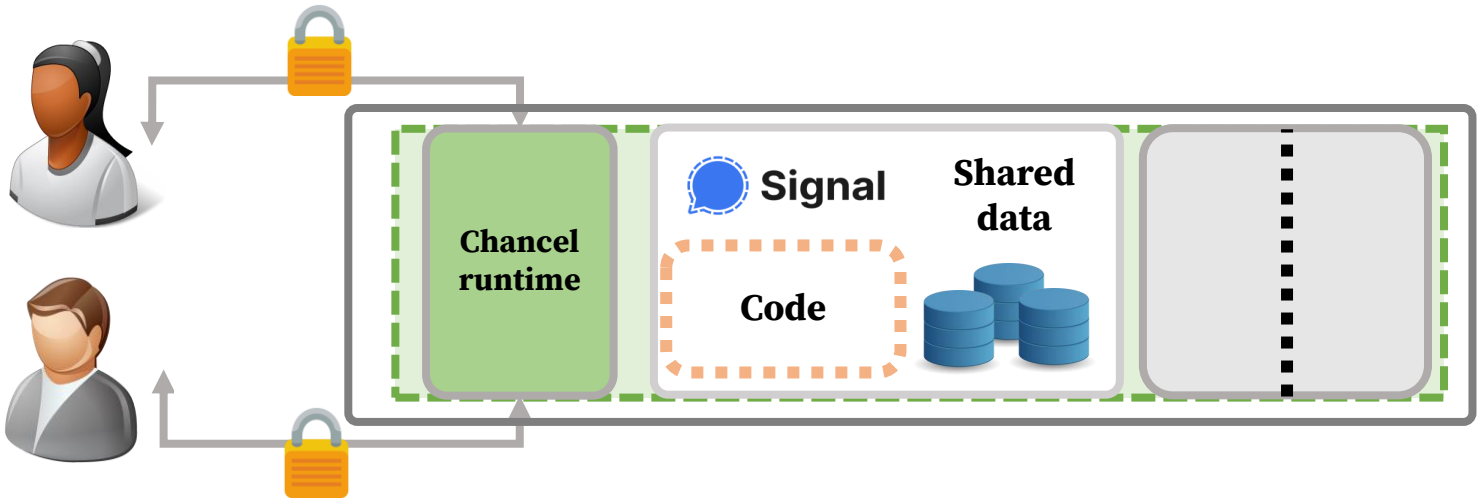


Thanks to validation,
Chancel even supports
proprietary code!

Validate instrumentation
using a binary disassembler

3. Secure client bootstrapping

Clients attest Chancel and transmit their data through encrypted channels



Store each client's data in a different enclave thread

4. Multi-client SFI enforcement

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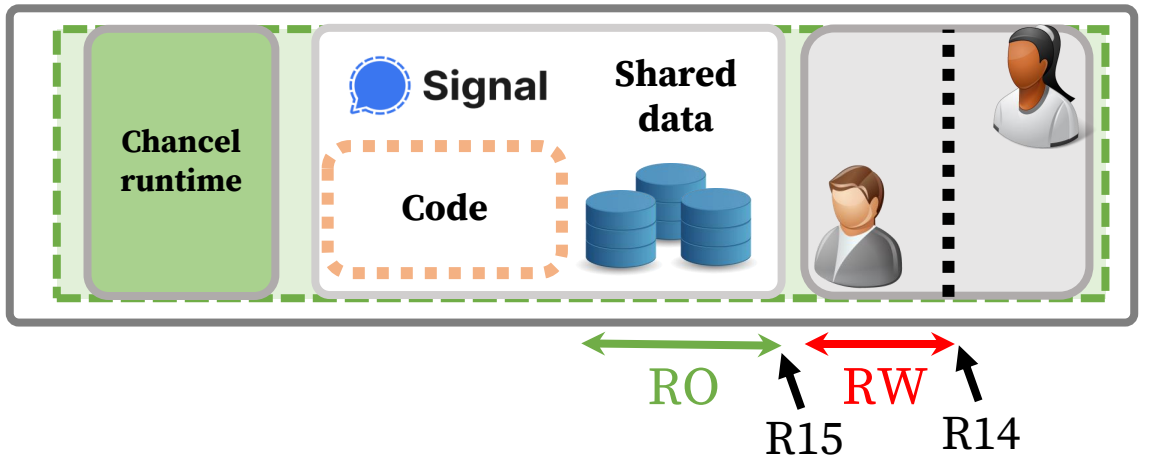
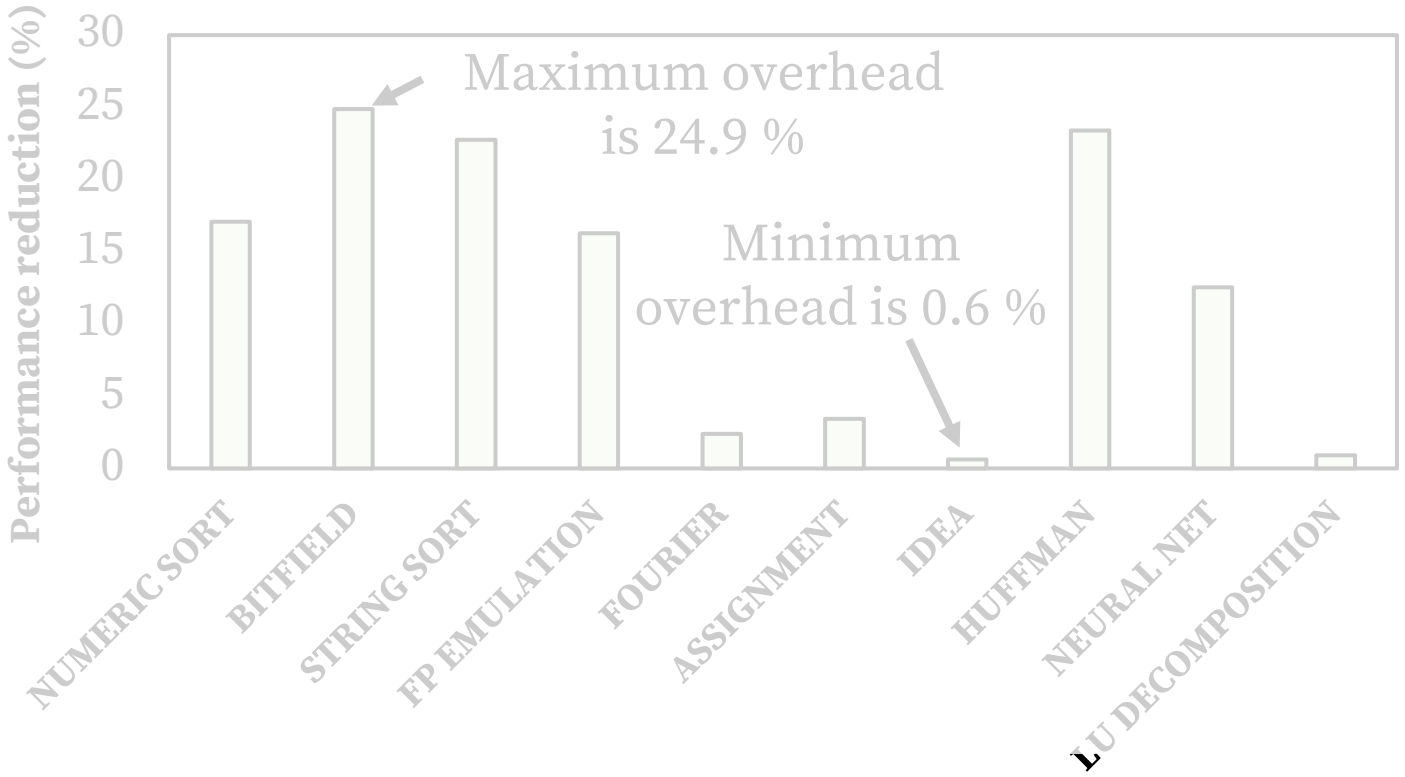


Overhead over native SGX

Ran all applications in Nbench, a popular SGX CPU and memory benchmark

Despite high security guarantees, Chancel's overhead is modest!



Benefit over Native Client

100,000 “GET” requests to ShieldStore key-value store from 8 clients

Across diverse applications, Chancel outperforms multi-process Native Client (NaCl) by up to 21 times!

Chancel’s overhead is
1.1 – 8.4% over native SGX

Summary and conclusion

SGX does not secure remote data from untrusted code

Multi-process SFI is slow in multi-client enclaves

Chancel's SFI is up to 21 times faster than multi-process SFI

Thank you!